

As an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator, I fully support the ARRL's petition asking the FCC to create a new entry-level "Novice" license class with limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters plus VHF and UHF privileges. The League plan would consolidate Technician, Tech Plus and General licensees into a new General license no longer requiring a Morse examination. New applicants for Amateur Extra would have to pass a 5 WPM Morse code examination, but the General and Extra written exams would stay the same.

This plan will serve the HAM Radio community for a long time and perpetuate the hobby.